



## Visitor Programs and Events –Fall 2014

### New York - *Staten Island*

#### Continuing Programs

**Battery Weed  
Fort Wadsworth  
Saturdays and Sundays  
Aug. 31, - Oct. 26  
9 am -12pm.**

You've seen Battery Weed from the overlook and every time you drive over the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, don't you want to see it up close? Drop in to explore and ask questions about the artillery crew who protected New York Harbor during our Civil War. Bus: s51,s52, s53, s79; for info on express bus options from Manhattan check [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

**Fort Tompkins Tour  
Fort Wadsworth  
Building 120  
Friday, Saturday and Sundays,  
through October 31  
1 pm -3 pm**

Explore the little known areas of the historic structure with a park ranger. Learn about coastal fortifications and get a glimpse of life in the 1800's. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the visitor center parking area, New York Ave. Bus: s51,s52, s53, s79; for info on express bus options from Manhattan check [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

**Goat Talks  
Fort Wadsworth Overlook  
Wednesdays  
September 3, 10, 17  
Sundays,  
September 7, 14, 21  
11 am -12 pm**

Learn about the National Park Service use goats at Fort Wadsworth for vegetation control and how we take care of them. Call (718) 354-4655 for questions. Bus: s51, s52, s53, s79, x1 and x10.

#### September

**Lantern Tours at Fort  
Wadsworth  
Fort Wadsworth,  
Building 120  
Thursdays, Sept. 11, Sept. 25  
7 pm – 9:00 pm**

Join us to explore historic Fort Tompkins by candlelight and lantern/flashlight. Please make your reservations early for this popular tour by calling (718) 338-3799. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Bus: s51/s81, s52, s53, s79; for info on express bus options from Manhattan check [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

**International Beach Clean-Up  
Great Kills Beach Center Lot G  
Saturday, Sept. 20  
11 am -1 pm**

This is the 29th Annual New York State Beach Cleanup sponsored locally by the American Littoral Society. Inspect and document and clean up what litters our shores, and send the data to help quantify patterns over time. Bring gloves and water. Contact 718 354-4655 for more information. Transit: s78, s79, SIRR "Bay Terrace" station.

**Stargazing at Great Kills  
Amateur Astronomers  
Association of New York  
Saturday, Sept. 27  
Begins at sunset, ends at 11pm  
Great Kills Park, parking lot A**

The Staten Island Chapter of the Amateur Astronomer's Association hosts public stargazing at the main parking area, lot A. Inclement weather will cancel this program. Transit: s78/s79; SIRR.

#### *What's with the ♥ ?*

*The heart symbol indicates a hike or walk of a mile or more or a program with significant exercise, designed to provide a moderate workout. Join us to get pumped up! It's your park, your health !*

**Monarch/Dragonfly  
Migration  
Great Kills Park  
Ranger Station (opposite main  
parking lot A)  
Sunday, Sept. 28  
1 - 3 pm**

Join a National Park Service ranger for the annual hike to view the migration of the monarch butterflies and dragonflies. Be a citizen scientist and assist with tagging butterflies. For reservations call 718 354-4655. Transit: s78, s79; SIRR "Bay Terrace" station.

**Greenbelt to Great Kills Hike  
Meet at Carousel in  
Willowbrook Park  
(at the end of Eton place)  
Sunday, October 5  
11am -3 pm**

Join the Greenbelt Educators and National Park Service rangers for a hike from forest to field to coastal habitat. The White Trail of the Greenbelt connects to Great Kills Park. This hike is approximately 3 hours long. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions and make arrangements for transportation back to Carousel, or arrange to depart from the Great Kills Park parking lot at Hylan Blvd. and Buffalo St. Bring water and a snack. Registration required. Call (718)351-3450. Transit: s44, s59 [Carousel]; s78, s79, SIRR [Great Kills Park]. ♥ 3 miles

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**Open House New York  
Fort Wadsworth,  
Battery Weed  
Saturday October 11th  
11am - 5pm**

**Tours: 11am, 1pm, and 3pm**  
Maximum number of people allowed  
on tour: 25. Bus: s51/s81,s52, s53, s79;  
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Manhattan check [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

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SIRR.

**November**

**Fall Hike  
Fort Wadsworth  
Meet at the Overlook  
Sunday, Nov. 9  
11:30-1 pm**

Hike the Overlook loop along the  
paths at Fort Wadsworth. Bring  
binoculars, and comfortable shoes.  
Call 718 354-4655 for questions. Bus:  
s51, s52, s53, s79, x1 and x10 from  
Manhattan. ♥ *1 mile*.

**Fall Hike  
Fort Wadsworth  
Meet at the Overlook  
Sunday, November 16  
11:30 am -1 pm**

Hike the Overlook loop along the  
paths at Fort Wadsworth. Bring  
binoculars, and comfortable shoes.  
718 354-4655 for information.  
♥ *1 mile*. Bus: s51, s52, s53, s79, x1,  
and x10.

**Stargazing at Great Kills  
Amateur Astronomers  
Association of New York  
Saturday, November 22  
Begins at sunset, ends at 11pm  
Great Kills Park, parking lot A**  
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